



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Waiver 17-10-022

Pursuant to § 19A-12(b)(1)(B) of the Public Ethics Law, a public employee must not be employed by a business that negotiates or contracts with the County agency with which the public employee is affiliated, unless the Ethics Commission grants a waiver.

William Woodward is a Recreation Specialist with the Montgomery County Department of Recreation (REC). He requests permission to hold outside employment as a youth traveling league baseball coach with Koa Sports League (Koa), an entity which has a contract with REC.

As a Recreation Specialist, Mr. Woodward is part of the County-wide Programs Sports/Camps Team. He oversees Summer Fun Centers, assists summer programs, Bethesda/Potomac Recreational Basketball and Spring-time Senior Softball Leagues. He has no involvement with any baseball-specific camps run through REC.

REC has one contract with Koa that began in 2015 and has been dormant since that same year. Mr. Woodward has no role as a County employee with that contract, and his proposed outside employment would not relate to that contract.

Pursuant to § 19A-8(b)(3) of the Public Ethics Law, the Ethics Commission may grant a waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b) if the Ethics Commission concludes that the proposed employment is not likely to create an actual conflict of interest. Upon a review of the request and the Department's concurrence in and support for the waiver request, the Commission finds that there is no actual conflict of interest. Pursuant to the standard of § 19A-8(b)(3), the Commission grants the waiver of the prohibition of § 19A-12(b).

The waiver is conditioned on Mr. Woodward not working, in his County capacity, on matters where Koa is a party and on him not referring REC clients to Koa.

This waiver expires when the outside employment approval with which it is associated expires, unless a continuation request for outside employment is timely filed and subsequently approved by the Ethics Commission.

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In reaching this decision, the Commission has relied upon the facts as presented by Mr. Woodward.

For the Commission:



Steven Rosen, Chair